

Dixon, Teresa A. (CONTR)

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:46 AM
To: Hynes, Shaylyn; Fitzsimmons, Alexander; Simmons, Daniel; Davis, Caitlin J.; Myers, Robert V.; Vande Beek, Dirk; Varnasidis, Sophia
Subject: RE: I can't find a recommendation for 82 degrees on a DOE website or EnergyStar
Categories: Purple Category

All this is what EPA is using below:

Attributable to an EPA Spokesperson:

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Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@ee.doe.gov>; Simmons, Daniel <daniel.simmons@ee.doe.gov>; Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>; Davis, Caitlin J. <caitlin.davis@ee.doe.gov>; Myers, Robert V. <robbie.myers@hq.doe.gov>; Vande Beek, Dirk <dirk.vandebeek@hq.doe.gov>; Varnasidis, Sophia <sophia.varnasidis@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: I can't find a recommendation for 82 degrees on a DOE website or EnergyStar

This was also posted in September of 2018 on the DOE website.

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/spring-and-summer-energy-saving-tips>

From: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@ee.doe.gov>
Date: Wednesday, Aug 21, 2019, 10:40 AM

To: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>, Simmons, Daniel <daniel.simmons@ee.doe.gov>, Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>, Davis, Caitlin J. <caitlin.davis@ee.doe.gov>, Myers, Robert V. <robbie.myers@hq.doe.gov>, Vande Beek, Dirk <dirk.vandebeek@hq.doe.gov>, Varnasidis, Sophia <sophia.varnasidis@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: I can't find a recommendation for 82 degrees on a DOE website or EnergyStar

An article on the Energy Star website provides a range of recommended temperatures for programmable thermostats, including 78 degrees when awake and 82 when asleep. DOE does not endorse the recommendations in this article. People should set their thermostats to whatever temperature makes them comfortable.

Adding Sophia.

We're going to send you more background

From: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Date: Wednesday, Aug 21, 2019, 8:29 AM
To: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@ee.doe.gov>, Simmons, Daniel <daniel.simmons@ee.doe.gov>, Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>, Davis, Caitlin J. <caitlin.davis@ee.doe.gov>, Myers, Robert V. <robbie.myers@hq.doe.gov>, Vande Beek, Dirk <dirk.vandebeek@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: I can't find a recommendation for 82 degrees on a DOE website or EnergyStar

Thanks. We would like to push that up with a draft recommended statement asap. Thanks.

From: Fitzsimmons, Alexander
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:12 AM
To: Simmons, Daniel <daniel.simmons@ee.doe.gov>; Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>; Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>; Davis, Caitlin J. <caitlin.davis@ee.doe.gov>; Myers, Robert V. <robbie.myers@hq.doe.gov>; Vande Beek, Dirk <dirk.vandebeek@hq.doe.gov>
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Here is where it implies 82 degrees while sleeping. You will soon receive an email with a fuller explanation.

https://www.energystar.gov/products/heating_cooling/programmable_thermostats

From: Simmons, Daniel <daniel.simmons@ee.doe.gov>
Date: Wednesday, Aug 21, 2019, 8:06 AM
To: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <alexander.fitzsimmons@ee.doe.gov>, Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>, Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>, Davis, Caitlin J. <caitlin.davis@ee.doe.gov>, Myers, Robert V. <robbie.myers@hq.doe.gov>, Vande Beek, Dirk <dirk.vandebeek@hq.doe.gov>
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Alex says that the EnergyStar website implies 82 degrees (if you do some math with their chart).

Also, I'm going to be out of pocket for a bit because I'm speaking at a conference soon.

From: Simmons, Daniel <daniel.simmons@ee.doe.gov>
Date: Wednesday, Aug 21, 2019, 7:27 AM
To: Fitzsimmons, Alexander <Alexander.Fitzsimmons@ee.doe.gov>, Hynes, Shaylyn <Shaylyn.Hynes@hq.doe.gov>, Love, Kelly <Kelly.Love@hq.doe.gov>, Caitlin J. Davis (CONTR) (<Caitlin.Davis@EE.DOE.Gov>) <Caitlin.Davis@EE.DOE.Gov>

Subject: I can't find a recommendation for 82 degrees on a DOE website or EnergyStar

I can't find a recommendation from DOE or Energy start to sleep at 82 degrees. As far I can tell, the claim comes from a July 3 Consumer Reports story: <https://www.consumerreports.org/central-air-conditioners/best-setting-for-central-air-conditioning/>

The Consumer Reports story claims:

Energy Star, a joint federal program run by the DOE and the Environmental Protection Agency, recommends that for optimal cooling and energy efficiency, the coolest you should keep your house is 78° F—and that's only when you're at home and awake.

I can't find support for that. For example, DOE's energy savers says: <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/thermostats>

In the summer, you can follow the same strategy with central air conditioning by keeping your house warmer than normal when you are away, and setting the thermostat to 78°F (26°C) only when you are at home and need cooling.

The Jennifer Titus story that kicked this off, didn't link to Energy Star, but appears to have assumed that Consumer Reports was correct. <https://www.wtsp.com/article/life/the-coolest-you-should-keep-your-house-is-78-degrees-federal-program-recommends/67-17ad6fc5-e591-44e8-b556-09f5a2781945> But Consumer Reports didn't link to a Energy Star website to support their claim.

What is on Energy Star is this:

https://www.energystar.gov/ia/partners/publications/pubdocs/HeatingCoolingGuide%20FINAL_9-4-09.pdf I believe the same chart is on DOE's website on programmable thermostats (but I can't find it right now). This on DOE's website: <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/spring-and-summer-energy-saving-tips> It says "Keep your house warmer than normal when you are away, and lower the thermostat setting to 78°F (26°C) only when you are at home and need cooling."

I think the whole thing is a misunderstanding. DOE has some recommendations that are 78 degrees **when you are not home.**

Daniel Simmons

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From: [Love, Kelly](#)
To: [Nance, Claire](#)
Subject: FW: EPA statement
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:57:00 AM

Could you copy and paste this into word doc and print?

From: Schiermeyer, Corry [mailto:schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:44 AM
To: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: EPA statement

This is what we have been using...

Attributable to an EPA Spokesperson:

“The ENERGY STAR program has not released a report on this topic. The ENERGY STAR program is not recommending that thermostats be set to 78 degrees F or any other temperature during the cooling season. In order to save energy, the ENERGY STAR website recommends owners of programmable thermostats increase the air conditioning temperature setting by 7 degrees F when homes are unoccupied and by 4 degrees F when occupants are asleep. The website illustrates this approach with an example of pre-programmed, energy-saving temperature settings in some programmable thermostats (which includes a 78 degree F setting). All thermostats are designed to allow for adjustment to ensure personal levels of comfort when people are in the home.”

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From: [Schiermeyer, Corry](#)
To: [Love, Kelly](#)
Cc: [Hynes, Shaylyn](#)
Subject: RE: EPA statement
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:20:49 AM

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From: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:18 AM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Cc: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA statement

Are you in touch with anyone at Energy Star? Do not recommend they change it

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(www.blackberry.com)

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To: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA statement

ENERGY STAR is tweaking their website to ensure it is suggestive, not federal guidelines or even recommendations based on 78 degrees (which it is not).

The program says they aren't even recommendations, other than 4 degrees higher overnight than what your comfort level may be while awake at home.

I'm waiting for a few things, and may tweak the below. But these are not expectations, just cost saving suggestions.

Here is the report that we found:
<https://www.consumerreports.org/central-air-conditioners/best-setting-for-central-air-conditioning/>

We are also tweaking our statement:
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Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10:57 AM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Cc: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA statement

Thanks, Corry. Looping in Shaylyn. (b) (5)

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From: [Love, Kelly](#)
To: [Nance, Claire](#)
Subject: FW: statement
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:57:00 AM

Could you print this below for Shaylyn? The statement

From: Schiermeyer, Corry [mailto:schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:56 AM
To: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>; Horst, John <john.horst@ee.doe.gov>
Cc: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: statement

ok

From: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 11:55 AM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Horst, John <john.horst@ee.doe.gov>
Cc: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: statement

Adding Shaylyn. We've been told different re the report – can you guys hold until we confirm? Want to make sure we're coordinated.

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To: Horst, John <john.horst@ee.doe.gov>; Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>
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From: [Love, Kelly](#)
To: [Hynes, Shaylyn](#)
Subject: FW: statement
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:22:41 PM

I'm leaving soon for CA planning mtg but could you update Corry after?

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Cc: [DeLuca, Isabel](#)
Subject: RE: statement
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:32:00 PM

Hi Corry,

Back at my desk 202-586-4475.

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Cc: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
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To: [Hynes, Shaylyn](#)
Cc: [Love, Kelly](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:49:17 PM

I will call you shortly. Those are examples based on pre-set temps in programmable thermostats.

It clearly says you can use as a starting point, and adjust to your families schedule.

The program never recommended 78...they did suggest for cost savings to increase by 7 degrees when away, and 4 degrees while asleep.

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Cc: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: FW:

Hi Corry-attached is the page in the 2009 report where the thermostat reference originated from.

Again-happy to talk through this when you can. Just want to be sure we are coordinated in our response. Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Stanton, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:38 PM
To: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE:

Attached is the actual page that 78 degrees is referenced in the 2009 report.

Link where it mentions the 78 degrees on website:

https://www.energystar.gov/products/heating_cooling/programmable_thermostats

-----Original Message-----

From: Stanton, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:35 PM
To: Hynes, Shaylyn <Shaylyn.Hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE:

Thank you!

78 degrees is mentioned on page 8. Again, to our knowledge the 2009 is the latest report.

Emily

-----Original Message-----

From: Hynes, Shaylyn
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:30 PM
To: Stanton, Emily <emily.stanton@ee.doe.gov>
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Shaylyn Hynes
Press Secretary
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From: [Love, Kelly](#)
To: [Schiermeyer, Corry](#); [Hynes, Shaylyn](#)
Subject: RE: RE:
Date: Thursday, August 22, 2019 10:09:53 AM

The issue is that your statement doesn't clarify it was from 2009 – that's an important point to make. I wouldn't even get into what it's recommending i.e. the temperatures etc. The Energy Star did make this recommendation, but it was from the last administration.

From: Schiermeyer, Corry [mailto:schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 10:08 AM
To: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>; Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: RE:

Hello Kelly,

I reached out to almost all of the FOX News producers yesterday on this...but it seems I missed some. I don't know the person that wrote the FBN story...but will try to track down the info, as well.

Here is our statement:

From an EPA Spokesperson:

Contrary to recent reporting, the ENERGY STAR program is not recommending that thermostats be set to 78 degrees F or any other specific temperature during the cooling season.

In order to save energy, the ENERGY STAR website suggests owners of programmable thermostats increase the air conditioning temperature setting by 7 degrees F when homes are unoccupied and by 4 degrees F when occupants are asleep. This is based on the temperature of your comfort level when awake at home. The website illustrates this approach with an example of pre-programmed, energy-saving temperature settings in some programmable thermostats (which includes a 78 degree F setting). All thermostats are designed to allow for adjustment to ensure personal levels of comfort when people are in the home.

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Subject: RE: RE:

Corry –

Please see this FBN story below. It is incorrectly stating the Energy Star is a federal program run by DOE. Here is our statement below. Could you send us your current one? Do you have this reporter's

contact info, we're getting a bounce back.

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/features/energy-star-set-thermostats-temperature-save-money>

DOE Statement on Energy Star Thermostat Report

Attributable to DOE Spokesperson:

Energy Star is a joint Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Energy (DOE) program with a mission of providing information to consumers and businesses to increase energy efficiency and cost savings.

In 2009, EPA produced and published an Energy Star report which included suggested thermostat temperature adjustments to achieve greater energy efficiency and cost savings.

It is the position of DOE that Americans should set their thermostats to whatever temperature they choose. The 2009 EPA Energy Star report should simply be used as a resource for people seeking to achieve greater energy savings in their homes, should they choose to do so.

From: Schiermeyer, Corry [<mailto:schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 1:07 PM

To: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>

Cc: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>

Subject: RE: RE:

Sounds good.

From: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 1:06 PM

To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>

Cc: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>

Subject: RE: RE:

In the same boat: stepped away from my desk will call you when I'm back in around 10 minutes

From: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>

Date: Wednesday, Aug 21, 2019, 1:05 PM

To: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>

Cc: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>

Subject: RE: RE:

Works for me...thank you!

I did just try to call you...let me know if you still want to chat.

Sorry...definitely multitasking today!

From: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 1:04 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
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How is this? Tweaked below

DRAFT HOLDING STATEMENT

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Ok, thanks. Including our *draft* holding statement for review before our conversation.

DRAFT HOLDING STATEMENT

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From: Schiermeyer, Corry [<mailto:schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>]

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:49 PM
To: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Cc: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE:

I will call you shortly. (b) (5)

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From: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Cc: Love, Kelly <kelly.love@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: FW:

Hi Corry-attached is the page in the 2009 report where the thermostat reference originated from.

Again-happy to talk through this when you can. Just want to be sure we are coordinated in our response. Thanks!

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From: Stanton, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:38 PM
To: Hynes, Shaylyn <shaylyn.hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE:

Attached is the actual page that 78 degrees is referenced in the 2009 report.

Link where it mentions the 78 degrees on website:

https://www.energystar.gov/products/heating_cooling/programmable_thermostats

-----Original Message-----

From: Stanton, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:35 PM
To: Hynes, Shaylyn <Shaylyn.Hynes@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE:

Thank you!

78 degrees is mentioned on page 8. Again, to our knowledge the 2009 is the latest report.

Emily

-----Original Message-----

From: Hynes, Shaylyn

Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 12:30 PM

To: Stanton, Emily <emily.stanton@ee.doe.gov>

Subject:

We are going to push this out:

WASHINGTON - A recent article in Consumer Reports inaccurately states that the ENERGY STAR program recommends setting your thermostat to 78 degrees F. This article is not correct.

The ENERGY STAR program has not released a report on this topic. The ENERGY STAR program is not recommending that thermostats be set to 78 degrees F or any other temperature during the cooling season.

In order to save energy, the ENERGY STAR website suggests owners of programmable thermostats increase the air conditioning temperature setting by 7 degrees F when homes are unoccupied and by 4 degrees F when occupants are asleep. This is based on the temperature of your comfort level when awake at home. The website illustrates this approach with an example of pre-programmed, energy-saving temperature settings in some programmable thermostats (which includes a 78 degree F setting). All thermostats are designed to allow for adjustment to ensure personal levels of comfort when people are in the home.

For more information, please visit:

https://www.energystar.gov/products/heating_cooling/smart_thermostats

Shaylyn Hynes

Press Secretary

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